

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
WESTERN DIVISION**

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JOSHUA SANDLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:23-cv-2398-MSN-tmp  
JURY DEMAND

MARQUEZ STEGALL and  
STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendants.

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**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

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Before the Court is the Chief Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 22, “Report”). The Report recommends that Plaintiff’s Motion for Remand (ECF No. 9) be granted. For the reasons set forth below, the Report is **ADOPTED**, and Plaintiff’s Motion for Remand is **GRANTED**.

**BACKGROUND**

This matter involves Plaintiff’s claims for breach of contract and breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing against Defendant State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company (“State Farm”) for damages related to Plaintiff’s uninsured motorist claim. Plaintiff alleges he is entitled to the policy’s \$50,000 limit under each claim. State Farm removed to this Court, and Plaintiff has filed a motion to have the matter remanded to state court.

### **STANDARD OF REVIEW**

Congress enacted 28 U.S.C. § 636 to relieve the burden on the federal judiciary by permitting the assignment of district court duties to magistrate judges. *See United States v. Curtis*, 237 F.3d 598, 602 (6th Cir. 2001) (citing *Gomez v. United States*, 490 U.S. 858, 869–70 (1989)); *see also Baker v. Peterson*, 67 F. App’x 308, 310 (6th Cir. 2003). For dispositive matters, “[t]he district judge must determine *de novo* any part of the magistrate judge’s disposition that has been properly objected to.” *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(3); 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1). After reviewing the evidence, the court is free to accept, reject, or modify the magistrate judge’s proposed findings or recommendations. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). The district court is not required to review—under a *de novo* or any other standard—those aspects of the report and recommendation to which no objection is made. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985). The district court should adopt the magistrate judge’s findings and rulings to which no specific objection is filed. *See id.* at 151.

Objections to any part of a magistrate judge’s disposition “must be clear enough to enable the district court to discern those issues that are dispositive and contentious.” *Miller v. Currie*, 50 F.3d 373, 380 (6th Cir. 1995); *see also Arn*, 474 U.S. at 147 (stating that the purpose of the rule is to “focus attention on those issues . . . that are at the heart of the parties’ dispute.”). Each objection to the magistrate judge’s recommendation should include how the analysis is wrong, why it was wrong, and how *de novo* review will obtain a different result on that particular issue. *See Howard v. Sec’y of Health & Human Servs.*, 932 F.2d 505, 509 (6th Cir. 1991). A general objection, or one that merely restates the arguments previously presented and addressed by the magistrate judge, does not sufficiently identify alleged errors in the report and recommendation. *Id.* When an objection reiterates the arguments presented to the magistrate judge, the report and recommendation should be reviewed for clear error. *Verdone v. Comm’r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 16-CV-

14178, 2018 WL 1516918, at \*2 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 28, 2018) (citing *Ramirez v. United States*, 898 F. Supp. 2d 659, 663 (S.D.N.Y. 2012)); *Equal Employment Opportunity Comm'n v. Dolgencorp, LLC*, 277 F. Supp. 3d 932, 965 (E.D. Tenn. 2017).

### **DISCUSSION**

The Chief Magistrate Judge issued his Report on October 23, 2023. The Report warned that objections were due within 14 days of being served with a copy of the Report and failure to object may constitute a waiver of any objections, exceptions, and any further appeal. To date, no objections to the Report's findings or recommendations have been filed, and the deadline for doing so has expired. The Court has reviewed the Report for clear error and finds none. Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report in its entirety and therefore **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Motion for Remand.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, the Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 22) is **ADOPTED** in its entirety. Plaintiff's Motion for Remand (ECF No. 9) is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, this 20th day of November, 2023.

*s/ Mark S. Norris*  
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MARK S. NORRIS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE